

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
October 2, 2018

Present: Ashly Bernstein, Philip Risacher, Helena Daniel, Monica Morales-Perez, Maria Orjuela Laverde, Melissa Robertson (parents) , Joseph Lalla (Commissioner), Athlyn Kennedy (Daycare), Ekaterina Valkova-Damova, (Librarian), Silvy Gomes, Kate Marien (Support Staff), Sharon Friedmann, Rose Servello, Ryan Clarke (Teachers), Michael Brown (Principal).

1. Opening & Welcome:

Mr. Brown opened the meeting by welcoming all those in attendance. All members introduced themselves with a brief description.

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

On motion duly made (M Robertson) and seconded (M Orjuela Laverde), it was unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda with the following additions;

- ▶ 5.6 Appointment of Community Representative
- ▶ 6.8 Daycare Report

3. Approval of the minutes of June 2018:

On motion duly made (S Friedmann) and seconded (M Robertson), the minutes of the meeting of June 2018 were unanimously approved.

4. Business Arising:

4.1 Funds spent at EBS by EMSB:

In response to a question that was posed at a meeting of last year's Governing Board, M Brown gave details about the funds that the EMSB spent at EBS (boiler room, painting of school and new gymnasium floor). J Lalla offered to bring a copy of his running summary of moneys spent on the schools by the EMSB.

5. New Business:

5.1 Governing Board Elections:

- ▶ Chairperson – M Orjuela Laverde offered to serve as Chairperson, S Friedmann nominated A Bernstein. Each candidate spoke briefly – there was a vote and M Orjuela Laverde was elected to the position of Chair.
- ▶ Vice-Chair – both P Risacher and M Morales-Perez offered to serve as vice-Chair. Each candidate spoke briefly – a vote was held and M Morales-Perez was elected to the position of vice-Chair.
- ▶ Secretary – K Marien offered to serve as Secretary – elected by acclamation.
- ▶ Treasurer – M Robertson offered to serve as Treasurer – elected by acclamation.

5.2 Signing of Disclosure Forms:

Pursuant to Section 70 of the Education Act, each member of the EBS 2018-2019 Governing Board signed the Disclosure Form.

5.3 Group Picture:

A photograph was taken of all those in attendance, to be published on the school website.

5.4 Meeting Dates:

The following dates were chosen for the four subsequent meetings (to be held at 6:30 p.m.): October 30, November 27, December 18 and January 22.

5.5 Internal Rules of Conduct:

On motion duly made (R Servello) and seconded (R Clarke), the Internal Rules of Conduct were adopted as presented with the following addition: 'if a member misses 3 or more meetings, he/she may be asked to consider resignation'.

5.6 Appointment of Community Representative:

On motion duly made (P Risacher) and seconded (S Friedmann), it was unanimously resolved to appoint Ekaterina as Community Representative.

6. Reports:

6.1 Principal

M Brown reported that the construction has calmed down, and that Percival Ave will be passable again soon. He reminded everyone that there is NO parking in front of the school where there is a yellow line (it is a fire lane). Interim report cards will be going out next Friday, October 12, and Picture Day will be on October 11. We are still awaiting some consent form for students to be photographed. He explained about the school's Facebook page, which is to be used only as a method of highlighting what is happening at EBS.

6.2 Regional Delegate

The Regional Delegate has not yet attended a meeting.

6.3 Teacher's Report:

The Terry Fox run was successful, and our House System is underway. R Servello will look into the purchase of House colour t-shirts for the students – she will discuss it with Home & School and with the House Committee. K and Cycle 1 will be going apple picking tomorrow, and on October 30, there will be a production of "The Paper Bag Princess" for K – Grade 4 students.

M Brown and three teachers (Rose Servello, Jessica Doubt and Lucy DePetrillo) will be going to Winnipeg to visit a leading UDL school. He went on to explain UDL (Universal Design for Learning).

6.4 Support Staff:

Nothing to report.

6.5 Home & School:

A Bernstein reported that the first meeting was very well attended – there was lots of excitement about volunteering and many people signed up to help with Pizza/Subway lunches. The chocolate fundraiser will be starting this Friday.

6.6 Library (submitted by Ekaterina Valkova-Damova):

- ▶ Classes started their visits on September 17. First week was only teachers to read science books to their classes, which entitled them to sign up and run the chance to receive free books and magazines. We read exclusively books on science the week of Sept. 17.
- ▶ We have four new parent volunteers who help with circulation duties during class visits.
- ▶ We offer Lego club, Scratch club, and as of end of October a new activity in French – Biblio-Club.
- ▶ The Therapy dog program will start soon. We have received the names of 10 students. We have a request for a class visit – Room 2 – waiting for response from the animator.
- ▶ We have one parent from the school on the Board – Maria Orjuela Laverde.

- ▶ The Library has extended the opening hours, closing at 6 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, in order to align its' opening hours with the Daycare and allow parents to drop by the Library when they come to pick up their children.

6.7 Commissioner:

- ▶ EBS is the only school in the EMSB to have the town library in the building.
- ▶ All are invited to email him at any time with comments/questions.
- ▶ Last Tuesday was the official opening of the new MacKay Center/Philip E. Layton School
- ▶ All parents are welcome to attend the GB workshop that is held every year – see the EMSB website for details.
- ▶ He will look into the funds that have been spent at EBS, and will share that information at our next meeting.

6.8 Daycare:

A Kennedy introduced herself – she is new to the position and looks forward to helping to make the daycare the best it can be for the students.

7. Question Period:

M Orjuela Laverde asked whether 'Mosaik' is in operation– it is not as there have been glitches. S Friedmann noted that many teachers are using different programs to communicate with parents.

8. Other Business:

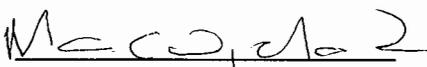
On motion duly made (S Friedmann) and seconded (M Robertson), it was unanimously resolved to add the following to the Internal Rules of Conduct "Meetings will be limited to 75 minutes – after this time, if members feel that the meeting should be extended, a motion may be made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes".

9.0 Adjournment and date of next meeting:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Daycare Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Marien
Secretary


Maria Orjuela-Laverde, Chair


Michael Brown, Principal


Date